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- (i) the applicant is dealing with circumstances that distinguish the applicant from other members of the public, in that there is a clear, present, and documented danger to the applicant, and
- (ii) there are no feasible alternative means of protection, either through existing law enforcement resources or under the provisions of California Penal Code section 12031, which carve out a number of exceptions that allow individuals to possess and carry firearms in public settings for self-defense and defense of property.

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Examples of good cause include where the applicant is a business owner who typically is forced to carry large sums of cash or valuable items in public and has been the victim of violent crime and/or the subject of documented, credible threats of violence. Good cause would not include situations where the applicant voluntarily chooses to undertake risks in the performance of the applicant’s job that could otherwise be avoided by performing the job in a different manner (e.g., avoiding risks by meeting clients in public places during the day, rather than late at night in crime-ridden areas).

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TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY CONCERNING LICENSES TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS

- All applicants shall complete the California Department of Justice Standard Application and attest under perjury that the information provided is true and correct.
- The Chief of Police may issue a CCW permit under certain conditions including but not limited to those listed below, which are covered in Penal Code Section 12050(a)(1)(B):
 1. The applicant is of good moral character (e.g., has no history of any mental or emotional condition, alcoholism, drug use or addiction, or other conduct indicating moral turpitude).
 2. The applicant has no prior conviction for a felony or any other crime that indicates moral turpitude.
 3. The applicant can show good cause for issuance. (Is there clear and present danger and the applicant has no other means of protection?)
 4. The applicant is a resident of the City of Torrance.
 5. The applicant has successfully completed a designated course of training in the carrying, safety and use of firearms.
- Before a CCW permit is issued, applicants are required to pay for and pass psychological testing by the Department psychologist and maybe required to submit to and pass additional psychological testing.
- The Chief of Police may attach reasonable conditions upon such licenses, including but not limited to:
 1. The type of weapon and ammunition to be permitted and carried.
 2. The times and places where the concealed weapon can be carried.
 3. Limitations in carrying concealed weapons to those circumstances when a specific dangerous activity is to be encountered and for which the applicant sought the license.
 4. The applicant shall purchase an insurance policy in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the City of Torrance as the insured against the applicant's possession or use of a concealed firearm, and shall furnish proof of insurance be filed with the Torrance Police Department. The term of any license granted by the Chief of Police shall end automatically upon lapse in said insurance.
- The license, if granted, shall lapse by operation of law if the licensee is convicted by final judgment of any felony, or serious misdemeanor, including driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this policy is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this policy.
- Fees associated with the CCW permit and application are the responsibility of the applicant.

INITIAL APPLICATION FEES	RENEWAL FEES
90-day Employment CCW State Fingerprinting Processing \$32 FBI Fingerprinting Processing \$24 Initial Firearms Eligibility Check <u>\$17</u> TOTAL \$73	90-day Employment CCW State Thumbprint Verification \$8 Firearms Eligibility Check <u>\$17</u> TOTAL \$25
Standard / Two -Year Resident CCW State Fingerprinting Processing \$32 FBI Fingerprinting Processing \$24 Initial Firearms Eligibility Check \$17 Annual Firearms Eligibility Check <u>\$17</u> TOTAL \$90	Standard / Two -Year Resident CCW State Thumbprint Verification \$8 Firearms Eligibility Check \$17 Annual Firearms Eligibility Check <u>\$17</u> TOTAL \$42
Judicial / Three -Year CCW State Fingerprinting Processing \$32 FBI Fingerprinting Processing \$24 1 st Annual Firearms Eligibility Check \$17 2 nd Annual Firearms Eligibility Check <u>\$17</u> TOTAL \$107	Judicial / Three -Year CCW State Thumbprint Verification \$8 Firearms Eligibility Check \$17 1 st Annual Firearms Eligibility Check \$17 2 nd Annual Firearms Eligibility Check <u>\$17</u> TOTAL \$59
Reserve Peace Officer/Four - Year CCW State Fingerprinting Processing \$32 FBI Fingerprinting Processing \$24 Initial Firearms Eligibility Check \$17 1 st Annual Firearms Eligibility Check \$17 2 nd Annual Firearms Eligibility Check \$17 3 rd Annual Firearms Eligibility Check <u>\$17</u> TOTAL \$124	Reserve Peace Officer/Four - Year CCW State Thumbprint Verification \$8 Firearms Eligibility Check \$17 1 st Annual Firearms Eligibility Check \$17 2 nd Annual Firearms Eligibility Check \$17 3 rd Annual Firearms Eligibility Check <u>\$17</u> TOTAL \$76

- In addition to the fees, which are collected by the Department and sent to DOJ, our Department may charge a processing fee up to \$100 for the initial CCW (not including fingerprinting and training costs).